GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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COAL DISTRIBUTION POLICY
Mane Smt. Nivedita

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new coal distribution policy proposes to put the cement sector into the 'other sector' from the 'core sector' category as reported in Business Standard dated June 28, 2007;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has opposed the move by the coal department; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (d):The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of Ashoka Smokeless & Others has inter-alia given directions to formulate a new Coal Policy for distribution of coal. Keeping in view the observations and directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Coal. Certain recommendations have been made by the Committee, taking into consideration, views and comments from various stakeholders including Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion.The report of this Committee is under consideration.